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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON Assistant United States Attorneys 5 Post Office Box 1494 JUL 2 0 2021 Spokane, WA 99210-1494 6 SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK Telephone: (509) 353-2767 DEPUTY 7 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1:21-CR-2029-SAB 11 Plaintiff, **INDICTMENT** 12 13 Vio: 18 U.S.C. §§ 1112, 1153 v. Crime on Indian Reservation 14 Involuntary Manslaughter SAMANTHA MARIE 15 TAINEWASHER (a/k/a "Samantha Marie Howard"), 16 17 Defendant. 18 19 20 The Grand Jury charges: 21 Between on or about March 27, 2020, and on or about March 29, 2020, in 22 the Eastern District of Washington, within the external boundaries of the Yakama 23 Nation Indian Reservation, in Indian Country, the Defendant, SAMANTHA 24 MARIE TAINEWASHER (a/k/a "Samantha Marie Howard"), an Indian, acting 25 with gross negligence, did proximately and unlawfully cause the death of S.R., to 26 27 wit: the Defendant allowed S.R., a minor child, to be in an area the Defendant 28 knew to contain blue pills the Defendant believed to consist of Fentanyl, and the

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Defendant knew that such conduct was a threat to the life of S.R. and knew of 1153. Michael J. Ellis Timothy J. Ohms

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circumstances that would reasonably cause the Defendant to foresee that such conduct might be a threat to the life of S.R., all in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1112, DATED this 20th day of July, 2021. cting United States Attorney Assistant United States Attorney Assistant United States Attorney